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1. THE GERMANS HAVE CREATED SOME CONFUSION ABOUT THE DATE OF THE PROPOSED TRILATERAL BECAUSE THEY HAVE TOLD THEIR EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON THAT THEY PROPOSED "THE SECOND WEEK IN SEPTEMBER" AS A CONVENIENT TIME. THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON APPARENTLY INTERPRETED THIS, AS SHAUER TOLD US, TO MEAN THE WEEK FROM SEPTEMBER 10 TO 16. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN LONDON MAY HAVE INTERPRETED IT TO MEAN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3 TO 9.

2. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAS HAD SOME EXCHANGES WITH FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH, WHO SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN HIS INTENT FOR THE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE DURING

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THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3 TO 9. HOWEVER, RUTH SAID THAT HE WAS QUITE READY TO ACCEPT OUR SUGGESTION OF SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15, SO THAT WE SHOULD HOLD THOSE DATES OPEN UNTIL HE HAS A CHANCE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE TIMING PROBLEM WITH LONDON.

3. RUTH SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US AS SOON

AS HE HEARD SOMETHING FROM LONDON. IN THE MEANTIME, WE
SUGGEST WASHINGTON HOLD TO SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15 DATES
UNLESS IT PREFERS EARLIER WEEK.
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